

GREY INSUL BRICK BORDEN COMPANY HOUSE
AL-V-A-042
Brick Row, Shaft
ca. 1850

The Insul Brick Borden Company House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure. The house is one of a number of "company" houses built by the Borden Mining Company in the mid 19th century. Similar to other towns and villages in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was a company town. However, unlike the other villages, the actual mine which supported growth was the only "shaft" mine in the George's Creek Valley. The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846 and soon after this date began construction of houses to serve as dwellings for the miners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grey Insul Brick Borden Company House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Brick Rowe

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James R. Clark

Telephone #: 689-8966

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1 Box

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grey Insul Brick House is located at the end of Brick Row in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Grey Insul Brick House is a two story, three bay wide frame structure that has been covered with insul brick. The roof is gabled with a soffit and covered with asphalt roofing material. The building rests on a low, stone foundation. Windows in the structure are double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. The main entrance is located on the east side and both the door and the hardware have been replaced. It is covered by a two bay end porch with a shed roof. A single corbeled brick chimney is located in the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Borden Mining Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846¹ and operated the only shaft mine in the George's Creek area.² Like the other towns in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden shaft was primarily a company town. That is, the majority of buildings (homes, etc.) were constructed by the company, although miners did have the opportunity to build their own homes if they desired.

The Insul brick house is typical of the type of home constructed by a coal company in the second half of the 19th century. These houses were usually one and a half stories high with a roofed porch across the front of the house. There were no cellars but the houses were set on low stone foundations. The frame was constructed of timbers mortised and tenoned together with white washed weatherboard on the exterior. Inside, rooms were plastered and painted. Rent for such a building cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month which amounted to a little over 12% of a miner's income.³

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- 1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners. (Ithaca, N.Y., 1969) p.11
2 Ibid p. 221
3 Ibid p. 82

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Harvey, Katherine A. The Best Dressed Miners, Ithaca, New York,
Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 17.19 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-042

480/420

DATE: 11/19

17.19 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ingl brick - next to Brick Saltboxes

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Brick Rowe Shaft

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: James R. Clark 689-8966

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 shaft Box

Frederick, MD

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed roof rear

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒) Other: Coverings ingul brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed(☒) wide() narrow(☒) mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: replaced

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, ~~GABLE FLANK~~, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - miner's home

Significance -

Date Constructed - 1850's

Condition - fair

Insul Brick House

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Brick Rowe - Shaft

Frostburg, MD.-PA.

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1949

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AI-V-A-046

AI-V-A-042

AI-V-A-044

AI-V-A-041

AI-V-A-047

AI-V-A-024

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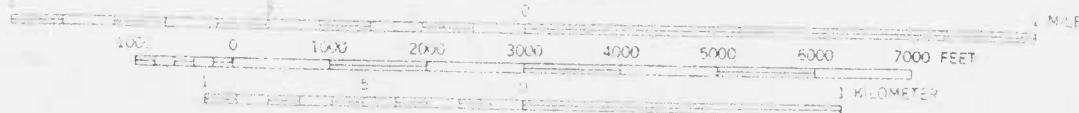
SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

(Separate Map)

HISTORIC SITES DISTRIBUTION

SCALE 1:24,000



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Grey Insul Brick

Brick Rowe

Shatt, MD.

John E. Nelson

11/19/76

Northwest